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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action for the above-identified application. Our check for \$110 for the fee is enclosed. We authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees to our deposit account No. 50-0638.

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